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County transit meeting turns tense

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

There was much confusion, misunderstanding and frustration at a meeting between the director of operations for Bancroft Community Transit (BCT) and members of Haliburton County council last week.

As previously reported, during an April 25 meeting, county councillors requested that the director of BCT pay them a visit. Gwen Coish had been scheduled to meet with the Haliburton County transportation task force, but council-

lors decided they would like to hear from Coish directly.

Coish had visited Highlands East council in March, informing members of plans to potentially expand BCT's service.

BCT has two components. It has a specialized service that offers booked rides for reasons such as medical appointments. Some clients are dialysis patients, for example. More recently, it has begun operating a public transit component, after it absorbed the former TROUT (The Rural Overland Utility Transit) last summer.

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Head Lake ice out date breaks record

OLIVIA ROBINSON

Staff Reporter

The ice on Haliburton's Head Lake finally melted on May 5, marking 2018 as the latest ice out date on record since 1945.

The previous record was set May 4, 1956, according to notes of late local Haliburton resident Bud Thayer, who started recording the ice out history of Head Lake in 1945. Thayer was an avid canoeist and teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Based on Thayer's notes, the previous record was set May 4, 1956 – a time when Louis St. Laurent was prime minis-

ter, the Montreal Canadiens had just won their eighth Stanley Cup, and it would be still another decade before the maple leaf design would be chosen as the country's national flag.

Dr. Karl Hartwick eventually joined forces with Thayer as an ice-watcher to keep track of the ice out dates every spring. Thanks to photocopies of Thayer's original notes, Hartwick confirmed the previous record.

"He and I spoke about what consisted of the ice going out," said Hartwick. "We both basically agreed that if it's 98 per cent out, it becomes subjective. There has to be absolutely no ice left on the lake."

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Let's dance

Dancers perform during Haliburton Dance Academy's recital on Saturday, May 12 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. This was the 22nd annual spring dance recital for the company. See more on page 16.
/JENN WATT
Staff

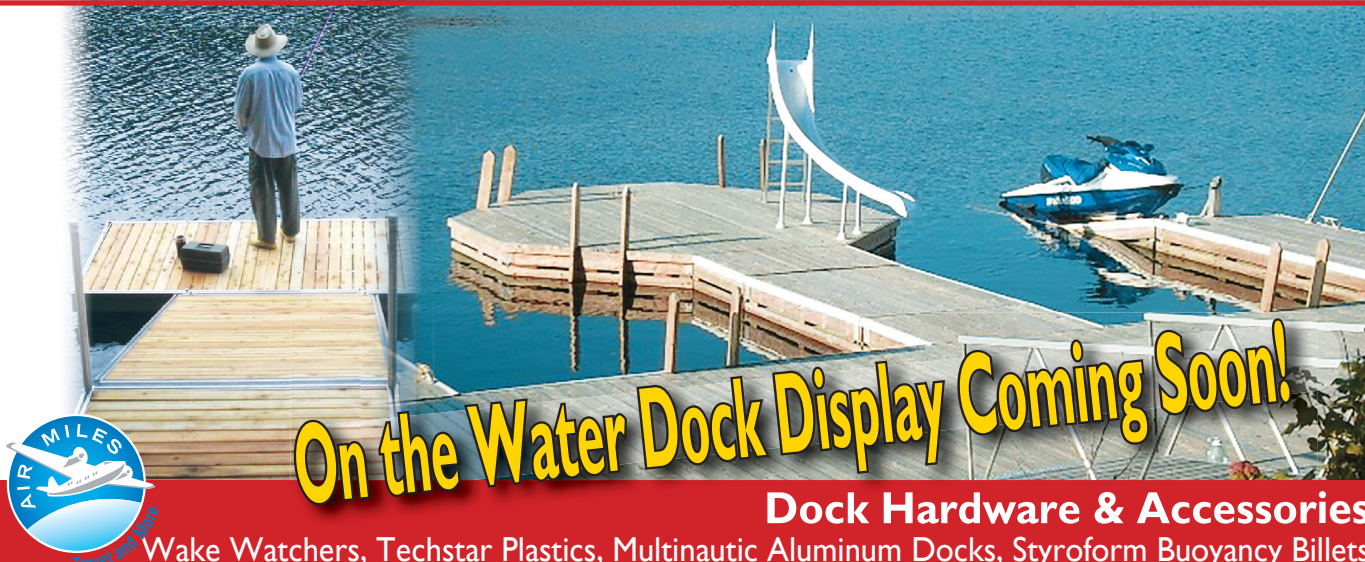


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Windstorm helped nudge ice off the lake

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Hartwick said that the first year Thayer began taking notes, he was scrawling them into an ancient history textbook. The following year, he bought a book in which to record his observations.

"He comments on what kind of winter it was, sometimes he had notes about how they almost had a green Christmas in 1949," said Hartwick of Thayer's observations.

Thayer would also record other "little snippets of information," like in 1951 when the lake froze over in the fall and people were skating on the lake, only to have the ice go out again on Dec. 7, 1951. Or, in 1953, when Thayer noted it was a low snow year, and only had one chance to use his snowshoes that season.

Since Thayer began his record-keeping, there have been just six springs – until now – when it has taken until May for the ice to disappear from Head Lake. By Hartwick's calculations, the average date

is around April 19.

Although Hartwick no longer keeps official track of the ice out date, his passion for the outdoors remains.

"I've been a keen canoe-tripper going back into my 20s," he said.

Hartwick has covered all corners of the country, including northern Ontario, Labrador and the Northwest Territories.

"If the ice isn't out, you're not going too far very fast!"

Hartwick said that if the May 4 windstorm – a tempest that left 180,000 Hydro One customers without power across Ontario – hadn't swept across Head Lake when it did, the ice likely would have hung on for a few more days.

Candle ice, a brittle kind of ice that makes a tinkling sound when it moves in water, would likely have melted fairly quickly after a storm, he said.

Hartwick said he hopes to pass along a copy of Thayer's notes to the Haliburton Highlands Museum for future use.

Head Lake Ice Out Previous Records*

May 3, 1950

May 4, 1956

May 3, 1965

May 3, 1972

May 1, 1975

May 1, 1978

*Based on Bud Thayer's ice out records dating back to 1945.

infogram

Addressing the housing shortage in Haliburton County

There is a severe shortage of housing for the "missing middle" in Haliburton County. The missing middle are those who don't qualify or don't want subsidized housing and can't afford much of what's on the market.

The need is particularly high for small units – six per cent of the housing stock is one-bedroom and 76 per cent of our population is one- and two-person households who need that size accommodation.

Rental stock is also in very short supply – only 13 per cent of the county's housing stock is rental, compared to 30 per cent in Ontario.

And rents are high – higher than in many larger centres; a one-bedroom unit, utilities included, rents on average for \$871 a month, which is considered unaffordable to a household with an income of less than \$2,900/mo.

Twenty-nine per cent of the county population, almost 2,500 people, has less than that income.

The Minden Hills Housing Task Force focused on small, affordable rental units for two years, and concluded that the market is unlikely to deliver what's needed.

It is fully occupied building upscale housing and has little motivation to build houses with a smaller profit margin. The task force is challenging the people who need this kind of housing to join with others to make it happen.

The task force identified four kinds of housing that may be affordable but is not currently available in the community – secondary and garden suites, a cluster of tiny houses, housing mixed with retail on main streets, and a multi-faceted retirement complex. It invites the public to attend an all-day drop-in public consultation on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Minden Hills Council Chambers to talk in more depth about these options. (Refreshments available.)

The intent is to identify citizens who want affordable housing enough to put their name on a work committee to collectively move the housing of choice from an idea to a plan to implementation.

To prime the pump, the task force is hosting a call-in show on Canoe FM at 11 to 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, exploring in more detail main-street housing and the seniors' complex. The discussions of last week about the other two options are on podcasts on the Canoe FM website.

For those particularly interested in tiny houses, Joe Wills of Barry's Bay Tiny Homes will attend the consultation and share his extensive information about this exciting approach to affordable – and environmentally friendly – housing.

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Highland Grove residents win \$1 million in lottery

JENN WATT

Editor

Cheryl Ellis found out she won \$1 million in Lotto 6/49 while she was in Toronto, responding to what she thought was an emergency.

Her partner and fellow lottery winner, Kevin Blair, was in the city getting medical treatment when he called her and asked her to come to Toronto.

"I got my friend and we went down to Toronto on the Monday for the emergency and the emergency was he needed me to go to the OLG [Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation] with him to cash in the ticket," said Ellis in a phone interview.

Even once she was told she'd won, Ellis said she couldn't believe it.

"Of course I didn't believe it, right? How can you believe you've just won \$1 million? It was just utter disbelief," she said. "It was disbelief right up until the time that OLG actually confirmed and showed us on

a piece of paper how much we'd actually won."

Blair and Ellis live in Highland Grove and regularly buy lottery tickets from the South Algonquin Country Store in Harcourt, where the winning ticket was purchased. Blair is a retired GM worker and Ellis worked as a flag person with the Haliburton County roads department.

She retired from that job May 9.

"Most people in Haliburton County, I'm pretty sure they've seen that pink hard hat and known it was me out on the road," she said.

Now that she's no longer working for the county, Ellis wants to run for council in Highlands East.

The couple intends to use the money to make improvements on their home, Ellis said.

And they're going to continue playing the lottery.

"I bought a ticket this morning," she said.

Jazz at the museum returns in July

CanoeFM's Jazz at the 45th presents Jazz at the Museum VI. Yes, they are back with the exciting sound of 2018 Juno-nominated Ernesto Cervivin's Turbo-prop. July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Halibur-

ton Highlands Museum. Tickets are \$30 (cash only) and are available at Canoe FM (705-457-1009) and the museum (705-457-2760).

-Submitted



Tea time

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary hosted its fifth annual Geranium Tea at the Haliburton Curling Club. The May 6 event sold a total of 115 tickets and brought in \$4,000 for the local hospital facilities. / OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

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Highlands East transit decision crucial to county plans

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Municipalities receive gas tax funding from the provincial government that can be used for transportation purposes. Highlands East directs its gas tax funding to BCT, whose municipal lead is the Town of Bancroft, and each Friday, through the public transit component of BCT's operations, there is bus service from Cardiff to Bancroft and back again.

BCT also recently applied for a \$500,000 community transportation grant from the MTO that will allow it to expand its service during a five-year period. BCT named its existing municipal partners – Bancroft, Highlands East, Hastings Highlands and Wollaston – on that grant application. Part of the contention at last week's meeting was that Highlands East officials say the township had not given its consent to be part of the grant application. However, Coish contends that because Highlands East is an existing municipal partner, "we didn't require that when we put the application in."

Another point of contention was that Coish had mentioned at the March Highlands East meeting that a potential future expansion of the service might include service to Haliburton and Minden.

Yet another confusing issue was whether Highlands East could begin reallocating its gas tax funding to Haliburton County, should it start some kind of transit service, and still participate in whatever service is provided by the community transportation grant.

The answer to that is yes.

"Yes, the Municipality of Highlands East is able to participate in both the Community Transportation (CT) Grant Program at the same time as being a partner in a potential start up for the County of Haliburton," a communications officer with the MTO wrote in an email to the paper. "The CT program is separate and the allocation of funding for the Gas Tax program is not linked to CT, i.e., population was not used in any formula for CT like it is for Gas Tax."

That said, if Highlands East were to reallocate its gas tax funding to Haliburton County, it would put the Friday bus service it currently receives from BCT in ques-

tion. It should be noted that the specialized medical transit BCT provides to clients in Wilberforce, Harcourt and Cardiff would continue. If Highlands East wanted to continue with whatever project comes about as a result of the grant funding after the five-year period, and if it were allotting its gas tax funding to Haliburton County, it would then have to use money from a different pot to continue public transit service with BCT.

All of these complicating factors boiled over when Coish visited county council chambers on May 9.

"Are you aware that for over two years, we've had an MTO-sponsored transportation initiative within Haliburton County?" Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin asked Coish. Devolin was referring to the Haliburton County Community Transportation Pilot Project, which was started with a grant from the MTO, and the work of the local transportation task force. County council allotted \$50,000 in its 2018 budget for the creation of a transportation implementation plan, for which it has not yet released a request for proposals.

Coish responded that she was currently aware of that, but had not been at the time she submitted the grant application.

"It gets things off to a bit of a rocky start," Devolin continued. "I find it a bit presumptuous that you would consider talking about an expansion of service into territory that, really, you've had no dialogue with, other than perhaps a limited basis, Highlands East . . . so, when you made the submission for the \$500,000 . . . was there a business model as it relates to Haliburton County?"

Coish explained later in the meeting that any future service to Haliburton or Minden had not been included in the grant application.

"The grant that I applied for, the intention was to enhance the service in the Cardiff, Wilberforce areas," she said.

She said the idea of running some transit to Haliburton and Minden had come from a survey of BCT clients. She told the paper one client is an elderly woman who has a daughter that lives in Haliburton County, for example. Such a service would be akin to what it runs into the City of Belleville, which operates its own transportation system.

"The service that we provide in Belleville is how we want to tailor this one," she told councillors. "We provide specialized transportation in a city that has public transportation. We don't do the public transportation in Belleville, however, we've got clients that need to go to dialysis."

Coish reiterated several times throughout the meeting she thought there'd been a misunderstanding as to BCT's intent, and said she fully supported whatever transportation project county council might choose to undertake.

"The intention wasn't to step on anyone's toes," Coish told councillors. "We did this with the initiative of just enhancing our current service with our partners. The

intent was not to come in a big, white horse, it was to come in and enhance the current service we're providing. My apologies if that's the way it came across."

There was much discussion about gas tax funding, and whether Highlands East would be "double-dipping," which is not permitted, if it were part of the community transportation grant programming, as well as any system that might be started in the county.

"I think one of the big questions . . . is about whether the MTO fund and the gas tax, and if you are eligible for both, and we have heard varying opinions on that," said Highlands East Deputy Mayor and Haliburton County Warden Suzanne Partridge.

"I'm kind of caught in a bad place here, right now, and I'm not really warm and fuzzy about it," said Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton. "I guess . . . we have a lot of people who put a lot of hard work into the Haliburton County initiative, and here I am now, I feel like I'm cutting in on it, in a not very nice way, and I'm just wondering if there's a way that, should we choose, that we can get out," Burton said. A number of members of the county's transportation task force were in council chambers for the meeting.

Burton reiterated that Highlands East council, or least he, himself, had not been aware of the grant application.

"I certainly didn't know anything about it . . . and I'm certainly caught here, blind-sided a bit, and I'm just not sure if I like sitting in this position," he said.

Coish said that when she'd visited Highlands East council in March, "it was mentioned at that time, that if you participated in this grant, you couldn't participate in the Haliburton County tax initiative, and that is not true."

As stated earlier in this article, the MTO has confirmed to the newspaper that Highlands East would be able to do both, under provincial regulations.

"The application went in with an established set of partners," Coish said. "We weren't trying to take anything over, we just want to enhance the current service that we had."

At the conclusion of the hour-long discussion, it was decided that county staff would contact the MTO for clarification on regulations around gas tax funding. Coish was still scheduled to meet the county's transportation task force to discuss potential collaboration, and county council will wait for Highlands East council to decide what it's going to do before proceeding with the request for proposals for its transportation implementation plan.

"At some point, Highlands East is obviously going to have to, when that clarification is made, a decision is going to have to be made by Highlands East about which way they are going to go, and if they're going to have a foot in both camps," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt. "And I think that, once that decision is made, then it would come back here."

Partridge said she'd like to see a recommendation come out from the discussion between the transportation task force and BCT. County planner Charley White asked if there was any time constraint in terms of BCT's grant funding. Coish responded that the parties probably had until the summer to come to some kind of decision.

"By all means, an amendment can be made to our grant," she said. "If you decide that you don't want to participate in that, that's completely fine, there's nothing binding anyone to participate or not participate."

Dysart et al Mayor Murray Fearrey stressed that a decision from Highlands East would be required before the county council could proceed with its plans.

"I don't know if we can go ahead with our RFP with our consultant, if we don't have the decision from Highlands East," Fearrey said, "So that needs to be sorted out."

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Power of the park

ONE OF HALIBURTON'S most iconic trees came down last week. The big old willow that once towered over the bridge in Head Lake Park took a beating during a windstorm at the beginning of the month. When arborists came to assess it, not only did they find the top had snapped off, but it was partially uprooted. As it was no longer safe to leave standing, the tree was removed.

It's not clear how old the tree was, but people remember generations of children using it. There was almost always a rope tied to the top of one of its two trunks and during the heat of the summer there was almost always a kid playing on it.

When the news was posted on the *Echo's* Facebook page that the tree had come down, readers were quick to post their memories of the tree. Some even shared photos of themselves and their kids, sky bright blue, tree glowing green, everyone having fun.

"Watching the kids swing on the rope into the river was a huge attraction for visitors to the Art & Craft Festival, and my favourite entrance gate to cover. 'Twill be missed!" said one Facebook post.

"We will miss this tree. It brought a lot of fun and laughter to a lot of children in Haliburton. Even the parents had a few jumps from its great branches!" wrote another.

The tree is a loss for kids who loved to play on it and also for those of us who enjoyed its pres-

ence. Trees are comforting; they feel solid and safe. Their shade from the sun, and the sound they make as the wind blows through their branches, is magical.

The attachment the community has to this tree is a testament to the importance of our park and a reminder that we need to preserve what we have and continue to make it better.

In recent years, we've seen a new bandshell, outdoor exercise equipment, LED lighting, garden, aeration of the beach area, washrooms and public wi-fi access. (Service club donations, government grants and tax dollars have all contributed to these improvements.)

The park hosts almost all of the major events in town and this summer is set to host even more, including a craft beer festival, soap hockey championship/music festival and ribfest, to

name a few.

For those who have always had Haliburton's waterfront available to them, the park might not stand out, but for those of us who grew up in other places, the beauty of Head Lake Park is striking.

Choices to build walking/cycling paths, install public art, host music in the park, put money into cleaning it up and continue to maintain the trees, shrubs and flowers creates a true community hub.

Our park is truly something special.

We need to protect and enhance it, creating more opportunities to get outside and play.



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Editorial



Sleepy river in spring

by Jenn Watt

When the sun came out

IT WAS LIKE the world had suddenly come alive. Fluids were flowing, buds were bursting and shoots were shooting upward. Monika felt the sun's warmth on her arms as she tugged and dug, snipped and staked. The earth was a bit cool for planting yet but she could still do plenty out in her garden.

Rain had arrived, replacing the dirty bits of old snow with fresh promise. The hills behind her house had a soft green tint and she knew that before long the wild leeks would have trilliums and black flies to keep them company. Soon there would be planters overflowing with colour and food taking root in the soil.

Monika came indoors to make herself a cup of tea. Switching on the radio she was just in time for the hourly news. Immediately her mood changed. Wars, floods, hatred and lies. She turned it off. Instead, she took her mug of tea and strolled around the yard. Robins hopped about looking for worms or sang from the branches and wild turkeys hunted for scraps on her neighbour's yard.

Wars, floods, hatred and lies. It was difficult to get the news out of her head. She knew there was other news out in the world, though it rarely seemed to be reported. But the sun and new greenery of spring was a balm to the horror in other places. Focus on the positive, she told herself, looking up at the endlessly blue sky.

Sometimes when life got Monika down, as it could for anyone human, she looked at the woodlands in which she lived and felt her spirits lift. She fervently hoped it would be there in all its natural wonder for her grandchildren and their grandchildren. But sometimes it was hard to stay positive. So that was when she went for her walks, eyes wide open to all that surrounded her.

Now as she watched the mallards on her pond, she thought of those others who would probably never see a duck, a blossoming tree or feel the soft

earth underfoot. Whether living in the bombed-out ruins of a dusty city or the filth and disease of some refugee camp, there were people who only wanted to survive. They dared not hope for anything more. Survival. And here I am complaining about bug bites or the skyrocketing cost of cauliflower, she chided herself.

When the sun came out, Monika's world looked bright and clean and open to so many possibilities. Back a hundred years or so, spring

was still a beautiful time of re-awakening though life for those early settlers was far from comfortable. Still they had land to grow even a small garden, there was game and fish in abundance and water a-plenty. A harsh life for some but there was always the hope that it could, would get better. Maybe a new cow or pig. Perhaps a small addition for a summer kitchen. In some ways, though not all, a person had control over her or his life and

what to expect in the future.

But to the thousands of women raped in war, the orphaned, starving children, the men forced to choose between a conflict they didn't want or certain death, there was no future promise of something better. They didn't dare hope for anything more than to make it through another day. Without even the basics of life, they could not imagine the many comforts of a life like Monika's. When the sun came out for those people, it only brought more bombs, more drought, more terror.

She shook these thoughts from her head and continued walking around. The mallards had now climbed onto a log near the water's edge and were keeping an eye on her. The male's bright green head and yellow feet shone in the late afternoon sun. Then as from a silent signal, the two birds skimmed across the pond and took flight, clearing Monika's roof and disappearing into the blue. She stood still, looking up even after they were gone.

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points of view

Trading up

LAST WEEK, my old 2005 SUV and I parted ways – and while I can't say I am sorry, I am going to miss having a vehicle that I felt comfortable putting a deer in. Although, I will admit that when I sat them on the passenger side, there was not a lot of head room for antlers.

I guess that's why some people pay extra for sun roofs.

When I was in the process of finding a replacement, I visited many of the local dealerships and the reaction I got was always the same.

Whenever I drove in, the salesman would rub his hands together and smile. For he knew the odds were good I might not be able to drive out.

The lucky salesman that ran out to greet me would also play coy and act as if the vehicle was of no interest.

"What are you going to do with that?" was more or less the question every one of them asked.

"Hold it!" I'd reply. "Stop your begging. You're not going to get your hands on that classic unless the price is right!"

For all but one, the process ended there.

The dealership I settled on, however, knew a gem when they saw it.

Aside from great historic value, my old SUV had many unique features not normally found in today's fully functioning cars. For instance, the tinted glass on the rear hatch did not have working pistons to keep it up.

As a result, the next lucky owner gets to work out one arm every time he or she loads or unloads the car. Plus, if you forget in mid-loading about two important facts: 1) the hatch will not stay up, and 2) gravity hates you, your reflexes and peripheral vision would get routinely tested too. After a few months of this, a person gets remarkably fast at ducking.



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Normally, you have to join a gym to get that kind of health benefit.

That truck also came with advanced security features such as an ignition that was highly selective about which of the several identical keys it would accept. Also, it was providing habitat for a family of small mice who couldn't afford to upgrade to a better neighbourhood, so with the right accountant you could write them off as dependents.

Of course, the salesman I was dealing with knew all this, so he offered me what some people would have considered a fair price.

"One thousand dollars," he said.

Unfortunately, I did not have that kind of money on hand, so I began to haggle instead.

Before he knew what hit him, I had talked him down to the point where I would only have to pay him five bucks and do some janitorial work around the dealership for him to take it off my hands.

Later, perhaps because he got a glimpse of my truck's silver-grey and rust exterior in the noonday sun, we settled on him paying me a small amount that was coincidentally what the tires were worth.

But, only if I offered to buy a new vehicle. And so I did.

I am happy with my new compact SUV too, despite the fact it doesn't have a sun roof.

Yet I am still trying to figure out the age old question of what to call it. I never knew this was an age old question until several people told me.

"I'm not sure what to call it," I said to Jenn.

"Let's figure this out," she replied.

We began listing all the characteristics. Brown. Compact. Kind of round.

"OK, what's small, brown and round?" she asked.

"This is no time for bad jokes," I said.

"Never mind," she answered. "What else is interesting about your new SUV?"

"It was made in Mexico," I said.

She gave it some thought and then said, "Well then, why not call it Manuel?"

I immediately declined.

After all, that is a silly name for a six-speed automatic.



pic of the past

The William Barnum home at Pine Lake, West Guilford, photographed in 1923. This typical Haliburton County settler's home was constructed of logs. Rough, but cozy, many log homes were later clad with board siding, protecting the logs and reducing winter draughts. The house was torn down in 1974. At left of photo: Mr. and Mrs. William Barnum; Les McGuire; Elva Barnum and Herb Barnum are at the right. From *Haliburton: A History in Pictures*.

letters to the editor

Acero family continues to honour Phoenix's memory

To the Editor,

It's been a year since our family, and our community has lost Phoenix Acero, and we want to express our deepest gratitude for the support we have felt from so many of you. From the countless people who donated to the GoFundMe campaign, to our closest friends and family that came together and helped in every way they could in our deepest hours of mourning. And to businesses over the year, such as Mathew Madelyn, Haliburton Dance Academy, and Visible Voices Open Arts Studio, who have been a tremendous support, not only to us but to many youths in our community – we thank you for all you do and for helping make this world a kinder place. To Phoenix's friends, the stories and pictures you have shared with us have put many smiles on our faces – and we thank you endlessly for being open and sharing both your grief and your memories with us during this difficult time. And to the families of Phoenix's friends, your friendship and support mean the world to us, so many of you are supporting your kids, grandkids, and the youth of Haliburton in remarkable ways.

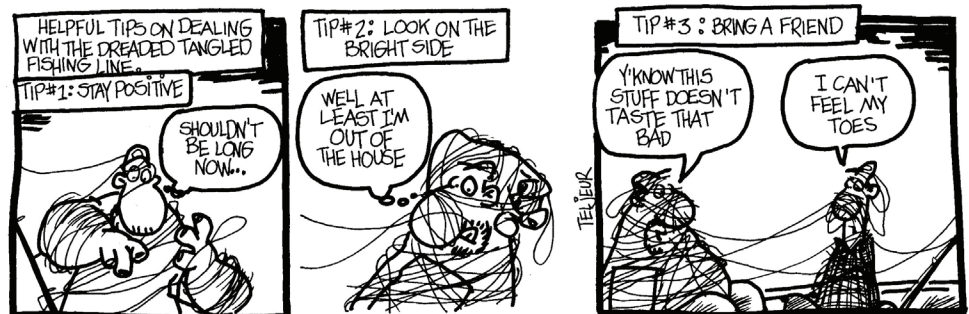
Our grief will always be a part of us, we will certainly never forget Phoenix, so we will always feel that loss. Grief does not stop after a year or 10 years, but do we know in time it will soften to some degree. Our family continues to honour Phoenix's memory in many ways, and this year we started the phoenixfoundation.ca in hopes of developing scholarships to encourage and support local youth as they plan their futures. If you have skills or opportunities to share with youth please go to our Contribute page and let us know how you would like to be involved.

Thank you again to the community for the support you have offered both our family and the youth in the community through your efforts, from the Haliburton Junction Skate Park to the future youth hub, and for the many articles written in *The Echo* and *The Highlander* this year that have addressed youth bullying and the issues they are faced with. As Martin Luther King Jr says, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" and we thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,
The Acero Family

More letters to the Editor on page 8

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Popular tree in Head Lake Park comes down following windstorm

JENN WATT

Editor

The willow tree that grew over Haliburton's Head Lake Park bridge, used by young people for years as a jumping off point, or to swing from, was removed on Wednesday, May 9.

A large part of the tree had snapped and was dangling over the river and bridge following a storm on the weekend.

"We were hoping to get more qualified advice in terms of the strength and health of the remaining portion of the tree to know whether or not it had to come out," said Tamara Wilbee, Dysart et al chief administrative officer, on Wednesday.

When the arborists from ArborView Tree Care did their evaluation, they found it was unsafe.

A large part of the willow at the Head Lake Park bridge was broken off during a storm May 4. When arborists evaluated the damage they found that the tree was no longer safe and needed to be removed.
/JENN WATT Staff

"I sent two qualified, ISA certified arborists to the site to assess the damage," said ArborView owner Josh Burk. "The one tree had a broken-off top ... and was hanging precariously overtop of the bridge area. That was an obvious removal. To mitigate that risk, you would just get rid of the top, but the tree itself was partially uprooted, so it was really compromised."

He said the wind, coupled with saturated soil caused the issue.

Although the willow appeared to be two trees, both trunks were growing out of one root ball.

"Obviously, its mate, the one that was attached, it also was partially uprooted. So, there was no trying to fix it," Burk said.

With so many children regularly using the tree, and so many users of the park in general, no one was comfortable with leaving the tree in case it fell on people swimming or walking along the river.



Make poverty, housing, an election issue

To the Editor,

Poverty is a serious problem for our community and the province. Poverty affects an individual's physical and mental health as well as their dignity and quality of life. Everyone needs enough money to meet their basic needs of housing, food, employment, education, transportation, childcare, and other necessities.

In the City of Kawartha Lakes, 13.1 per cent of all households are considered low-income, of which, 16.5 per cent are children age 0-17. In Haliburton County, 17.2 per cent of all households are considered low-income, of which, 22.9 per cent are children age 0-17.

The lack of affordable housing has resulted in 1,415 households waiting three to five years for subsidized housing in the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. The wait-list for subsidized housing has tripled since 2013. In the City of Kawartha Lakes, 51.6 per cent of renters are paying 30 per cent or more of their income on housing.

Food insecurity is also a serious problem in our community. More than one in 10 households are food insecure in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district. After paying for basic needs such as rent and utilities, most people with low incomes do not have enough money left over to buy adequate healthy food.

The shortage of affordable licensed childcare is another concern. We have no licensed childcare for infants up to 18 months in Haliburton County and a limited number of spaces in the City of Kawartha Lakes. The cost of childcare is also a barrier. This makes it difficult for parents to be employed or pursue education.

Every level of government has a role to play in poverty reduction so that everyone has their basic needs met with dignity and respect. Food banks, charity programs and other social programs provide some short-term relief but are not designed to address the root causes of poverty.

Income is one solution to poverty. The three-year Ontario Basic Income Pilot study currently in progress to test if a basic income is an effective and sustainable way to reduce poverty. The results of the Basic Income Pilot study could reveal significant improvements in the lives of low income Ontarians.

The Ontario Basic Income Pilot is a start, but more needs to be done. Other income-based solutions, such as minimum wage rates that are reflective of a living wage and increases to social assistance rates. There also needs to be job creation, improvements to employment standards, and more affordable housing, licensed childcare and public transportation.

By implementing a variety of poverty reduction strategies in Ontario, everyone in our community will benefit.

Questions specific to these topics will be sent to all candidates requesting that they send back their response so they can be published by the media both online and in print form prior to the election.

Access to Permanent Housing Committee, Kawartha Lakes Food Coalition and the Haliburton County FoodNet

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Growing interest in green burials

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Highlands East could become one of the first places in Canada offering a space for green burials.

After being approached last year by a funeral director in Maynooth who had received inquiries from the public about green burial opportunities, the municipality's environment committee is looking into the feasibility of creating such a space in the area.

Green burial, or natural burial, is a growing trend in which space – either separate from or within an existing conventional cemetery – is designated for burials that are designed to have less environmental impact than traditional burials or cremation. Requirements for green burial cemeteries vary, but are often naturally landscaped with wildflowers and trees native to the area, and maintained using a scythe with no use of pesticides on the land.

Bodies are not embalmed to avoid the effects of embalming fluid later seeping into the ground, and are buried using a shroud or an alternative casket made of wicker or natural wood that biodegrades.

Rather than being marked with a headstone, grave sites are acknowledged with a tree or plant marker, or a small stone and a directory at the entrance to the site. Space for cremated remains exists as well.

Besides environmental impact, green burial can also be more economically viable for people, ranging in cost from \$1,500 to \$2,500, compared to \$7,000 to \$10,000 for a traditional burial or \$3,000 for cremation.

Green burial sites haven't caught on as quickly in Canada as they have in the United States, where there are more than 300 sites.

The first green burial site in the country was created alongside a conventional cemetery in Victoria, B.C., in 2008.

Since then, green burial spaces have been established throughout the country including in Cobourg, Brampton, Pickering, Niagara Falls and Waterloo with potential sites to come in London, Renfrew and Brussels.

Mark Richardson, an Ontario director of the Green Burial Society of Canada and manager of cemetery services for Niagara Falls, is an advocate for green burial and proud of the two-acre wildflower and butterfly reserve opened last year that serves as a green burial option alongside a traditional cemetery for residents in the Niagara Falls area.

"It's really a misconception that a green burial is something entirely differ-

ent – it isn't," he said. "We need to get over the stigma that green burials are different. A green burial is a beautiful process to recognize the last wishes of our loved one, and ensure they leave earth in a better condition than when we first got here."

Richardson said his own parents are interested in a green burial.

"We are starting to deal with the largest population segment in Canada, the baby boomers," he said. "Baby boomers were actually responsible for the development of environmental policy throughout government, in schools, basically everywhere. Now those baby boomers are getting to the point where they're planning their end-of-life arrangements. People are beginning to recognize that the traditional cemetery or what we envision as the traditional cemetery with monuments across a green field, a lot of people don't have any affinity towards that. My parents are two of those people. My mom says, 'I really don't care what you do with me, don't waste your time or money. Have me cremated and find somewhere nice for me.' My dad says, 'I'll do whatever your mom does.'"

Richardson said that as people learn more about the environmental impacts of cremation, which requires massive amounts of energy and releases emissions including greenhouse gases, there is a move away from that process toward alternatives – but at one point, cremation was a new idea, too.

"So this is no different than cremation," he said. "That's how people have to look at this. When cremation was first introduced to the industry, people were appalled by it. They thought it was awful. There were funeral homes back then who said, 'there's no way we're going to do cremation, this will never take off.' And now, our current rates in Niagara of cremation are anywhere between 60 and 70 per cent cremation. Vancouver is 98 per cent cremation. But it's taken 30 years to reach that point."

Richardson said green burials in rural areas are a good fit because the natural aspect of the cemetery easily fits into the surrounding area.

"I think it's a great opportunity and sets you aside as being unique to the region or the county you're in so that you would be bringing new people there," said Richardson.

"To me, it just makes sense," said Deputy Mayor Suzanne Partridge, who chairs the environment committee. "It's just a natural way to do things."

Last year, the municipality of Highlands East partnered with U-Links and Trent University to learn more about the feasibility of green burials in the area.

Fourth year Trent University geog-

raphy students Monique Sheehan and Brittany Pedersen, presented their findings to the environment committee in February, and then at the Celebration of Research held in Minden on March 24.

Sheehan said the two students chose the project with no prior knowledge of green cemeteries, but through their research have become interested in the subject of sustainable death care.

They hope their work can raise community awareness about green burials so that the public understands the environmental and economical benefits of the process.

Their report makes three recommendations: become certified as a provider of green burials; conduct further research investigating suitability as it relates to specific soil composition and groundwater runoff; and raise awareness of green burials.

"We are feeling very good about our recommendations and think it would be an amazing step for the municipality if they were to be accepted," Sheehan told the *Echo*. "They would be at the forefront of the green cemetery movement and would set an example for other municipalities."

The environment committee has asked Jim Alden, property supervisor, to join in a discussion about the green burial option and what it might look like in Highlands East.

"I think it's going to happen," said Partridge. "I really do. I think there's an uptake with our council – our current council is very receptive to the idea. As long as the hurdles are crossed, we can make sure there's a good place to do it, the soil's right, and all of that."

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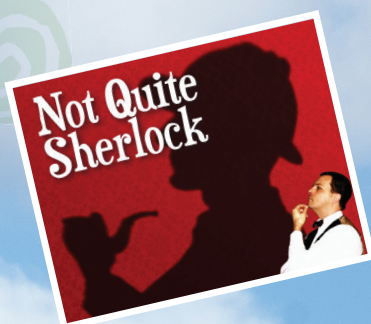
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Dale Walker and Ruth Robinson celebrate the opening of the new outdoor living section at Walkers Home Hardware in downtown Haliburton. / OLIVIA ROBINSON

It's finally patio season at Home Hardware in Haliburton

OLIVIA ROBINSON

Staff Reporter

With the icy storms of winter and spring behind us, Haliburtonians can finally start thinking about summer and lounging dockside.

Walkers Home Hardware is ahead of the game. On May 11, they debuted the store's first-ever outdoor living section.

Although Dale Walker, co-owner of Walkers Home Hardware, had hoped the store would be in its larger location

by now, it has beautified the parking lot adjacent to the store with a home décor oasis.

From the highlighter hues of the Muskoka chairs, to comfortable chaises lounge, to unique glassware, Walker hopes there's a little something for everyone.

"People can see all the nice patio and porch furniture," said Walker of the summery set-up. "Soon we'll have hanging flower baskets."

Walker said that the store expects to be moved into its new location off of County Road 21 by March of 2019.



Grade 8 students sit on the dock, enjoying their lunch following the Head Lake cleanup on Friday, May 11. From left, Matthew Vargas, Kiera Casey, Molly Devolin, Zac Tompkins, Will Craftchick, Tegan Wood. / JENN WATT Staff



Delicious rewards

Grade 8 students, from left, Oceane Harris, Kristina Barry and Aryah Sullivan enjoy lunch on the dock after helping to clean up Head Lake Park on Friday, May 11. See photos of the clean up in the *County Life* section.

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Abbey Retreat Centre readies for grand opening

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

A year after a pilot program offering a retreat for people living with cancer came to Haliburton County, the Abbey Retreat Centre is opening its doors for a grand opening.

Renovations and the final touches of the development of the facility located at the former Hewitt House on Abbey Gardens property have taken place, as well as additional retreats, including one held earlier this month.

The centre aims to bring together people living with cancer and their primary support person to share experiences, including challenges and fears, of their cancer journey.

"What we wanted to do is to step forward and provide support for people who are living with that reality, to do that in some different ways," said Joy Davey, retreat centre board chair and executive director. "There are certainly traditional treatments – surgery, chemo radiation – we aren't saying those aren't important at all. We know that there are other practices that support people while they're doing those treatments and support people generally. In scientific literature, those are things like yoga, medication, relaxation, good nutrition, expressive arts – programs that support people's emotional health and wellbeing and just laughing and loving."

Davey said the program helps to look at a person outside of the cancer diagnosis, to ensure quality of life needs are being met apart from cancer treatment.

"When you get a cancer diagnosis, right away there's anxiety and fear," said Davey. "What treatments should I have, people telling you what treatments you should have, appointments, and that becomes your life. You lose track of other things in your life that are important, like relationships and quality of life."

Guests to the retreat are able to attend free of charge, to help alleviate some of the financial strain they might have faced due to their diagnosis.

A caregiver or supportive friend or family member comes with them, and together they can engage in the variety of activities and experiences available as part of the program.

Work with expressive arts, led by Fay Wilkinson, is new to the program, and has provided a creative outlet for visitors.

Additionally, local drummer Bazza, Barry Hayward, has facilitated fun at the retreat.

"Participants said, 'for two hours, I didn't think about having cancer,'" said Davey. "We talk a lot about the importance of having fun, and how you can lose track of that."

The retreat also offers support to people going through traditional cancer treatment to ensure they can finish it. In her experience, Davey said some people at the retreat have expressed that, "Cancer is not the problem for me, it's the treatments that cause trouble."

She said working through some of the side effects of those treatments with support programs that help promote open communication and overall health and wellness can be helpful for some people.

"Part of what we try to do in our cancer retreats, is invite people into some of these practices, we hope they'll take them home and continue with them," she said. "We can't change the cancer diagnosis, but we can do things about improving quality of life so people can live as well as they can for as long as they can. We're not so much about curing cancer as we are to helping people to heal and become more whole."

The Abbey Retreat Centre has been funded in part by grants from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, a Rural Economic Development grant and private donors. Davey said support from the community is needed for the retreat, the first of its kind in Ontario.

"[Something] that's been really important to me from the beginning is that people in the Haliburton community see this as, that they will speak of this as our retreat centre, not as the retreat centre that belongs to someone else," she said.

"We want it to be a community undertaking, but the success of this is going to depend on people getting involved, people volunteering their time and energy to do all of the jobs that we haven't even imagined yet. We're going to need that kind of support from the community, in terms of their time and energy, financial support, and also that the community can be a kind of referral network for us. Sometimes the best referrals

come from someone who's had the experience and can then go home and talk to someone they know who's living a similar reality. [To say] 'This was a good experience for me, I think it might help you.'"

A grand opening at the Abbey Retreat Centre

welcomes members of the public to celebrate the centre and see the facility on Wednesday, May 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 1150 Garden Gate Drive, Haliburton. A ribbon cutting will be held at 5:30 p.m.

Liberals name community volunteer as candidate

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger says she's proud to stand behind a number of Liberal programs that are making life easier for Ontarians.

Cramp-Waldinsperger was named the Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the June 7 provincial election during a nomination meeting in Lindsay on May 7.

"I really see the way that OHIP Plus, publicly funded tuition and the basic income pilot are making a positive difference in people's lives," Cramp-Waldinsperger says.

The soon-to-be-22-year-old is a fourth-year political science student at Western University, was born and raised in the City of Kawartha Lakes and currently resides in Lindsay. Lindsay is one of a handful of communities that was selected for the provincial government's basic income pilot project, which got underway last year.

The OHIP Plus program provides free prescription medications for residents under the age of 25, and the Liberals are promising to expand the program to include those over the age of 65.

The province's new Ontario Student Assistance Program is providing free tuition for more than 200,000 students from low- and moderate-income households, as well as increasing OSAP grants to reduce student debt.

Cramp-Waldinsperger says she's grateful to be studying at the post-secondary level, "however, I know many of peers aren't able to do so because of financial constraints."

As MPP, she says she would continue to advocate for increased access to education, which has demonstrated correlation to opportunities in life.

Cramp-Waldinsperger has volunteered with a number of organizations within the riding, including the Centennial Place long-term care facility in Millbrook and the Lindsay Rugby Football Club, where she's an assistant coach. She's also worked for the Learning Disabilities Association, which she says showed her the riding requires better services.

"Rural transportation is something our community could definitely benefit from," she says, adding that Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock could use heightened social services in general.

Cramp-Waldinsperger told the paper she doesn't see her age as a drawback, but as a strength.

"I see my young age as a benefit, rather than a negativity," she says.

"I really think it's time for a fresh voice in Queen's Park," Cramp-Waldinsperger continues. "We need somebody who is happy to advocate for constituents."

On incumbent PC MPP Laurie Scott, Cramp-Waldinsperger says it's Scott's lack of action on local priorities that has spurred her to run for office.

"Truth be told, she hasn't done a lot for our community," she says.

She adds that Scott and PC leader Doug Ford would cut the \$15 minimum wage the Liberal government has set to come into effect next year, says they have given up the fight on climate change and will cut public sector jobs.

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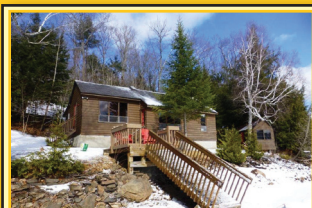
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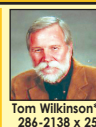


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Yes, the ice and snow finally melted in Lake WhaddayathinkI mean, revealing all kinds of perennials poking their heads through the earth, chirping: "Remember me? I may not be much to look at right now, but I'll be beautiful for you again, in no time." Ol' Maybelle's response? "You're beautiful right now, and don't you forget it!"

Oh, yes. I'm as giddy as a kitten with a yarn ball, seeing new life break through the earth (in my mind against all odds) after all those hard cold winter months. How strong, brave, and patient they must be, going through their embryotic life cycle in that dark cold earth, passionately striving to show muscle and reach out above their cold ceiling, breathing and reaching toward the sun.

So, you can imagine how excited I was to see my garlic patch filled with hearty looking green sprouts after having been planted seven months ago.

And they stayed looking healthy and strong for one whole day.

Then, the next morning, why if my jaw didn't drop open like a broken glove compartment, don'tcha know. Some critter ate the tops off of 50 per cent of ol' Maybelle's garlic plants! My heart did a triple axel until my mind went into solution mode. Why, I'll spray the whole patch with my super effective deer repellent, I thought. Well, it's not MY recipe, exactly. It came from the Glecoff family in Haliburton, don'tcha know. And I find that not only deer but other critters find the smell of it so offensive, that my flowering plants and garlic always remain safe ... as long as I continue to spray the garden daily.

And wouldn't you know, Twindle Mumbly and Sybil Beaucannon Hughes both phoned me just this morning, asking for that deer repellent recipe. Evidently, their new sprouts had also been nibbled on. So, I thought, why not share it with you? You may have need of it. So, here it is, dear reader. It's simple, effective, and inexpensive as all get out.

Super effective deer (and other critters) repellent

- 1 tsp veg oil
- 1 tsp dish soap
- 1 egg
- 1 cup of milk
- 2 litres of water

Mix and spray directly on plants. Make sure you spray after it rains, don'tcha know. And don't refrigerate it. You want the egg and milk to go bad. The stinkier smelling the better. Yes, yes, peachy keen.

Like I've always said and I'm happy to say it again. "Behind those rain clouds (and snow sky) the sun is always shining. And if you can't see it, then you just shine in its place."

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Business brings smiles throughout the season

JENN WATT

Editor

Smiling Season's Yard Work, celebrating three years this October, has succeeded in Haliburton thanks to hard work, help from friends and Jamie and Ben Guenther's belief in themselves.

The couple started the yard work, garbage pickup and car detailing business to put to use skills they already had. Jamie had done work with Community Living and Ben had many years of construction experience.

Starting small – they didn't have a car when they first launched – they've innovated and grown each season, and this year were recognized with nominations in two categories at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Community and Business Achievement Awards.

"We didn't have a vehicle until October of last year. So we worked out at the time a deal for gas so customers would be comfortable picking us up and dropping us back off," says Jamie.

"We have a wagon and we actually walked as well, quite the distance, with stuff. With all our equipment. It was quite the adventure. We didn't give up. We made sure we got to our customers whether it was on feet or with help with the ride."

Last year, friends of theirs helped them buy a car, which has greatly improved the range of their business and they purchased a large tent to use for the newest part of their business, car detailing, which they added as a service in July of 2016.

Smiling Season's offers a variety of services including cutting grass, raking, stacking wood, light construction, building pathways, weeding, planting, clearing brush, hedge trimming, garbage cleanup and picking up garbage for the landfill. They currently have both business and individual customers.

"We're booked for the whole month of May for car detailing and yard work," Jamie says, smiling.

Although they've got a steady base of clientele, the Guenthers are happy to take on more.

"We believe that there's never enough good work you can do out there. Putting a smile on someone's face, we'll take as many as we can get," Jamie says.

Ben Guenther moved to the Highlands nine years ago.

"I needed a new direction," Ben says.

He grew up in Stouffville and originally was attracted to the region for Haliburton School of Art + Design, he said.

Jamie moved to the area as a child with her parents from Whitby and has been here for the last 29 years.

The couple met in 2012 and were friends for a year before starting to date. They married in July of 2013.

"We're a really good match for each other," Jamie says, who adds their two dogs Koko and Odie are also part of the family.

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Ben and Jamie Guenther have been growing their business, Smiling Season's Yard Work, to include other services including car detailing. This year they were nominated for two honours at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Business and Community Achievement Awards. /JENN WATT Staff

challenges in her life, but hasn't let anything stop her.

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Haliburton Dance Academy's senior company, above, and junior company, middle right, brought a flurry of activity to the stage during the recital.

Top left, dancers lift a performer toward the sky. Middle left, dancers perform "G-Slide" in a hip hop number.



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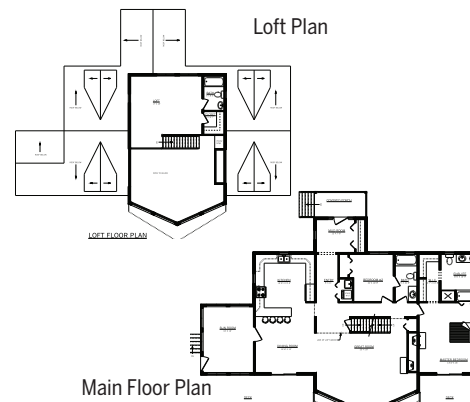
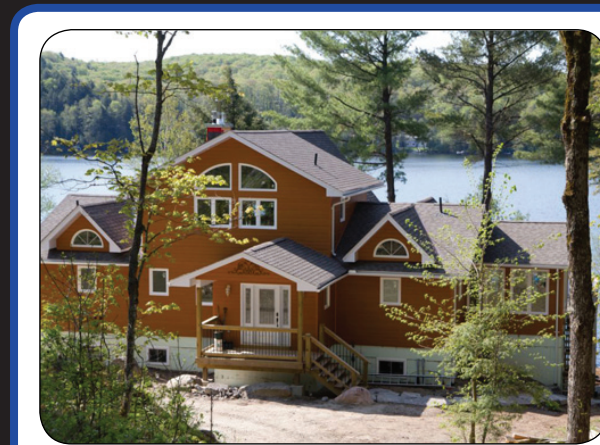
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Jr. Hawks felled by Wildcats

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Grit and determination were on display during a May 9 soccer game between the HHSS junior girls Red Hawks and I.E. Weldon Wildcats.

Despite the Hawks playing their hardest in the heat of the afternoon, the Wildcats took the game with a score of 7-0.

"We had strong positional play and had some offensive moments in the first half," said Coach Janice Scheffee. "We were a little outmatched as they are an AAA school. However, we played tough defence and created some good turnovers which led to some offensive opportunities."

Goalie Connie Oh played aggressively and stopped numerous balls from reaching the net. Scheffee noted goalie is a tough position, which she handled well.

Hailey Anderson, Matea Cameron, Paige Billings and Melissa Brinkos were

aggressive in pursuing the ball.

"They were relentless in attacking the ball and making smart passing decisions," said Scheffee.

She said strikers Haley Boylan and Gillian Rosik added the spark and speed the team needed to keep Weldon on their toes. "All of our team plays with heart and they support each other well," said Scheffee. "They are a very athletic group of girls who work hard and enjoy the spirit of competition."

The girls have improved immensely since the beginning of the season, according to Scheffee.

"Our season consists of only four league games before playoffs begin so it is a pretty fast learning curve for the team," she said. "They are committed to both individual and team improvement. Their continued development will help them in the remainder of the season and since most of the team is in Grade 9 it should make for a strong junior team next season."



The HHSS Red Hawks junior girls soccer team battled it out on the field with the I.E. Weldon Wildcats, but in the end the Wildcats took the game 7-0 on the afternoon of May 7. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Wilberforce students feast on cooking lessons

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The kitchen in the Lloyd Watson Community Centre was a feast for the senses on May 8.

Filled with Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 8 students and the Community Cooks, a volunteer committee of the Central Food Network, it was bustling with activity as part of the Let's Cook program, sponsored by the CFN and Highlands East Food Hub.

Students and volunteers were laughing together, manoeuvring around the kitchen to work on individual tasks that would result in a meal of quinoa chili and brownies they could enjoy together. As those recipes came together and were cooking on the stove, or baking in the oven, the kitchen filled with the warm aroma of lunch that surely tasted as good as it smelled. It was also filled with enthusiasm.

The students said they appreciated eating the food, of course, and also having the opportunity to learn how to cook more. In the bi-weekly classes, they've learned how time-consuming it can be to prepare dinner, and the value of organizing meals, how to use a knife, how to properly wash their hands, and how to not waste in the kitchen.

They worked together to figure out how to troubleshoot – like when more vanilla than was anticipated poured from the bottle. In a discussion about graduation party appetizers and finger foods – the final project they'll create as part of the seven-session course – they excitedly called out suggestions as to what they'll learn how to make.

The adults in the room are pleased as punch that the program is going so well. Barb Davies, vice-principal of Wilberforce Elementary School, talked about how the curriculum was organized, and is delighted by the attention to detail – at the end of each session, students take home the recipe they made, and the ingredients they need to make it at home, too.



Working together, Wilberforce students and the Community Cooks created quinoa chili with brownies for dessert on May 8 at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre kitchen. From left, Michael Nelson, Braedon Normandeau, Michael Rogers, Tyler Florent and Carol Greenwood./ SUE TIFFIN Staff

"It's an excellent school and community partnership," said Davies. "They're learning valuable skills, plus developing relationships with community members."

As some of the volunteers helping with the program are retired teachers, they were able to talk to the kids about skills they've acquired, and how to include them on a resume.

Classes have themes, such as Using Up Leftovers, and Healthy Appetizers. The class theme was No Meat, No Problem on May 8 – some students had to find out what quinoa was as they were putting the vegetarian chili

together.

"The kids are engaged and they're tasting things they've never tried before," said volunteer Carol Greenwood, who is leading the Let's Cook program. "They seem to be enjoying themselves, so it's all pulling together."

Greenwood said she hopes the program helps students develop the skills they need to make healthy, economical choices, and that it encourages community involvement in learning about food security.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wraps up first-ever Wellness Week

OLIVIA ROBINSON
Staff Reporter

Students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were exploring new ways

to promote health and wellbeing through physical, creative, and musical activities at HHSS's inaugural Wellness Week. Wellness Week ran in conjunction with the Canadian Mental Health Association's Mental Health Week, which was

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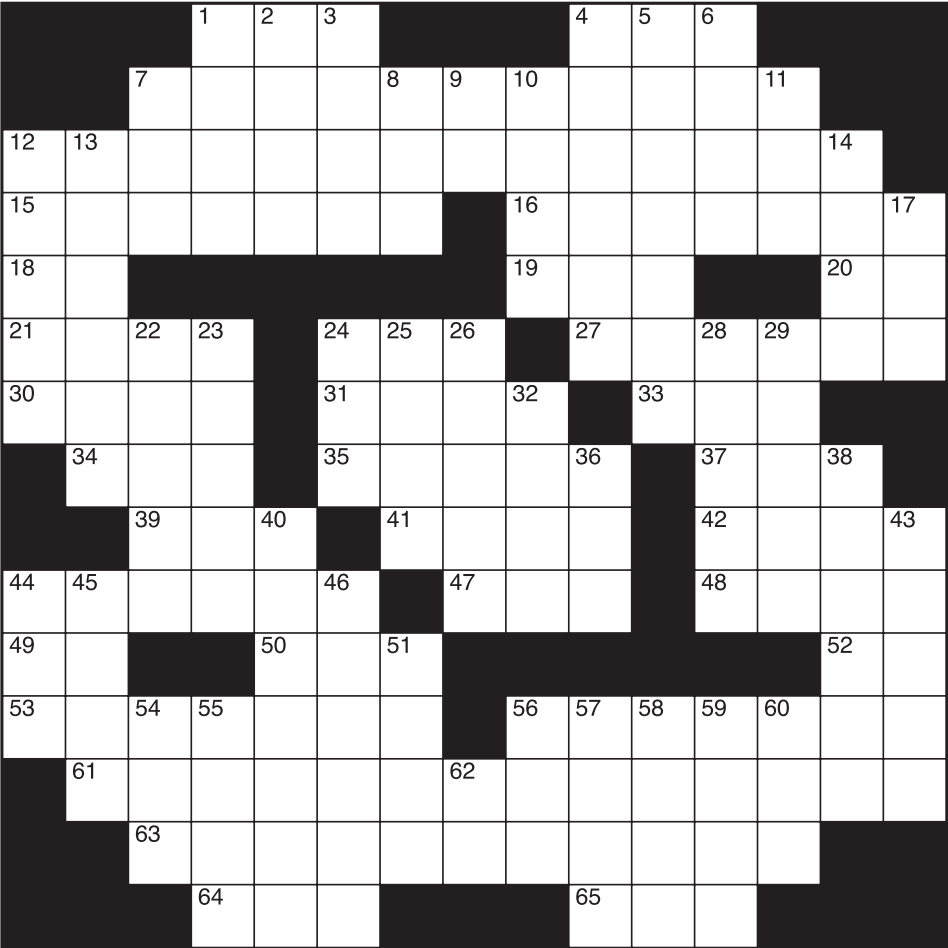
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 - 4. Helps little firms
 - 7. A way of performing
 - 12. Lawyers
 - 15. Stirred up
 - 16. Believed in
 - 18. The Bay State (abbr.)
 - 19. Makes computers
 - 20. Sodium
 - 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.)
 - 24. Institute legal proceedings against
 - 27. More compact
 - 30. Ethiopian river
 - 31. Quantitative fact
 - 33. No (Scottish)
 - 34. A concession of no great value
 - 35. Tony-winning actress Daisy
 - 37. More (Spanish)
 - 39. Russian space station
 - 41. Helicopter
 - 42. At the peak
 - 44. Makes ecstatically happy
 - 47. Excellent
 - 48. Material body
 - 49. The Golden State (abbr.)
 - 50. A unit of plane angle
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Mentor
 - 2. Lyric poems
 - 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland
 - 4. Trapped
 - 5. Used for road surfacing
 - 6. Cuckoos
 - 7. Prefix Òaway from'
 - 8. Seth McFarlane comedy
 - 9. Not out
 - 10. "The Simpsons" bus driver
 - 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
 - 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist
 - 13. Removes
 - 14. One-name NBA player
 - 17. Revolutionary women
- 22. Smell
 - 23. Ground-dwelling songbird
 - 24. Midway between south and southeast
 - 25. American state
 - 26. Keen
 - 28. Khoikhoi peoples
 - 29. Int'l defense organization
 - 32. Samoan money
 - 36. A sign of assent
 - 38. One from Somalia
 - 40. Boat race
 - 43. Trims
 - 44. French coins
 - 45. Indigenous Scandinavian
 - 46. Flew alone
 - 51. Loch where a "monster" lives
 - 54. Japanese title
 - 55. Pros and __
 - 56. Present in all living cells
 - 57. Something to scratch
 - 58. Branch of Islam
 - 59. Appear
 - 60. Former CIA
 - 62. Yukon Territory

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The band Wescall serenades students at a coffeehouse held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The event was one of several activities organized for the school's Wellness Week. /OLIVIA ROBINSON Staff

promoted on social media by using the hashtag #GetLoud.

HHSS students were asked about what kinds of events they wanted run during lunchtime at their school.

Different student groups helped to plan certain activities, such as the senior art class who spearheaded a mural painting.

David Waito, vice-principal at HHSS, said the school plans to hang the colourful mural – and the positive messages of encouragement painted on it – in the lobby.

Waito said Wellness Week fell at a perfect point in the semester.

"Graduation can be an exciting time, but it can also be very stressful for some students with exams."

Other Wellness Week activities included outdoor basketball, sidewalk chalking, therapeutic touch, a movie viewing in the cafeteria, and a musical coffee house to round out the week.

A capture the flag event was postponed to the following week due to rainy weather.

Waito hopes that this year's Wellness Week programming will continue to spark new ideas for the students for next year's edition.

"It's all about having positive options. It's been really neat to see them plan this on their own and get a chance to show their leadership."

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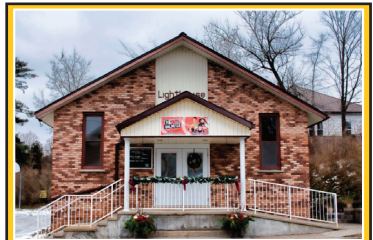
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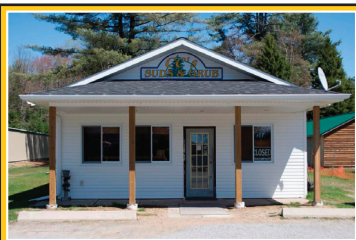
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- 3 beautiful waterfront lots to choose from on West Lake
- Great access via township road, terrific building sites
- Great location to build your dream home or cottage



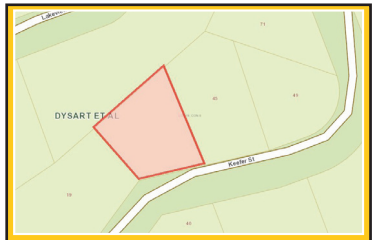
Kennisis Lake Road \$229,000

- Clean and tidy well maintained 2 storey brick building
- Numerous commercial uses, subject to zoning update
- Good size lot, good traffic exp, Highway exposure & lots of parking



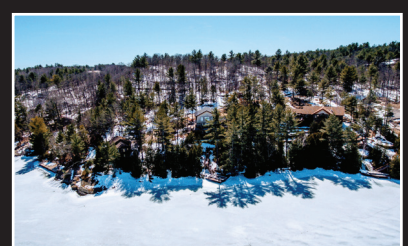
Kashagawigamog Lake Lot \$169,900

- Great opportunity to build your home/cottage
- 3 separate lots that are being sold together
- Waterfront is across the road, 5 Lk chain access



Haliburton Village Lot \$34,900

- Lovely lot in a neighbourhood of quality homes
- Walking distance to the village of Haliburton
- Utilities are at the lot line, this property is ready to go!



Gull Lake Cottage or Compound \$1,699,000

Stunning custom executive home or cottage on Gull Lake. This beautiful home was constructed in 2014, full of custom high-end finishing, on Haliburton's premium lake at the southern end of the county. Featuring an open concept design with all principle rooms, including the main floor Master Suite and attached Haliburton Room offer beautiful views of Deep Bay. The lower level with a full walkout has two bedrooms and an open games/entertainment room, perfect for the younger family members and their friends. The extensive landscaping includes granite retaining walls and flagstone patios, stairs and fire pit leading to the shoreline deck and docking system. There is an extensive list of other features of this amazing home.

UPCOMING
**Community
Events**

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Introduction to Mindfulness

When: Saturday, May 18, 2018
Where: Mindfulway Meditation Centre, 179 Ridgeview Road, Haliburton
Register @ Mindfulway.org 905-852-1825
Mindfulway@bel.net

Haliburton Lions Club Walk for dog guide fundraiser and Trunk Sale

Come be part of the fun
When: May 19, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church
Entertainment provided by Gord Kidd \$10 entry fee to sell from your trunk. Registration 11:30 a.m., walk 12 p.m., Pledges available at PetValu in Haliburton or call Lion Kathryn Kidd 705-754-0939

A Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising Event: Party With A Purpose

When: Saturday, May 19, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, 55 Parkside Street, Minden
Ticket Price: \$10. Live music/games/drinks/prizes
For more information, please contact Lynsey at 647-223-0266 or lynsey1988@hotmail.com

Gooderham United Church - Yard Sale

When: Sat. May 19, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Light refreshments and bake goods.
Donated items appreciated. For pick-up or drop off call, June at 447-2838. Please, no large appliances, cribs or mattresses

Gooderham Community Action Group annual Street Sale

When: Saturday May 19, 9 a.m. There will be entertainment, good buys and of course a barbecue provided by our Gooderham Station 3 Firefighters. Anyone wanting to set up a table is welcome.
For more information about the street sale, please contact: Marilyn Wooder 705-447-2906
Denise Winder 705-447-2953
Karen Polhamus 647-273-0182

Ingoldsby UCW - Pie Sale

When: Saturday, May 19 – beginning at 9 a.m. until sold out.
Where: Ingoldsby United Church – 1741 Ingoldsby Road.
Variety of homemade pies, tarts and crisps.

Mega Book Sale of gently read books

When: Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Library book nook and lawn outfront.
Great prices! Come fill a grocery bag with books for \$5!

Need to Know Education Series: Simple and Affordable Ways to Eat Healthy Feel Great and Live a Healthy Life

When: Wednesday, May 30, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Haliburton
Join our Diabetes Education experts and taste test your way to learning how to prepare and enjoy healthy food to fuel your life! From resource information, recipes, tutorials on preparation, and an overview of the benefits of food as a tool to living a healthier life, this workshop is a valuable opportunity to keep you healthy.
Registration to attend this free event is required.
Tel 705-457-2941 x 2922, Email: nbrownsberger@hhhs.ca

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 am to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust presents: Exploring the Lives of Bats

When: Saturday, May 26 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
Where: Minden Cultural Center
Do you or your children have questions about bats? Come and join the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for a fun and informative presentation on bats, "Exploring the Lives of Bats". Our presenter, Brock Fenton, Emeritus Professor of Biology, has been studying bats since he received his Ph.D. in 1969 for work in the ecology and behaviour of bats. He has continued his research with special emphasis on bat echolocation and evolution. Bring your curiosity and your questions about bats to this presentation. Admission by donation.

Nursery rhyme race draws geocachers from near and far

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

Many avid geocachers came to Wilberforce to compete in the Amazing Nursery Rhyme Race Saturday, May 12. They came from Montreal, Essonville, Fergus, Stoney Creek, Ottawa, Barrie, Bancroft, Port Perry, Hamilton, Janetville, Toronto, Harcourt, Stayner, and of course Wilberforce. And probably other places as well. They came in teams of two, three, four, and even five and in teams of varying age groups.

Welcomed by local geocaching mascot Tupper the Turtle, they then joined in the fun of learning the co-ordinates of all the caches hidden around the village and then finding them. They played along with the many wild and wonderful activities, learning and reciting rhymes to get their points and the much coveted stickers. They even had tea with Alice, the Red Queen and the March Hare at the Mad Tea Party.

Not sure which team won the race, but they all seemed to be having a good time on a beautiful sunny May day.

Thanks to geocaching leaders Mary Barker and Joanne Vanier for developing and promoting this event. Their continuing hard work and enthusiasm for geocaching is greatly appreciated by those who play the game and also by those who welcome them here. Some made this a day trip. Others stayed one or two nights. This event took the geocachers into stores, the library, the Outpost museum, the bakery, an artist's workshop, the curling rink, and the community hall. They had fun and experienced our village. Hope many

of them will come back again.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Neil (Joe) Burroughs who died on April 24, 2018. Joe lived in Harcourt for many years where his skills kept the vehicles of many in good shape. He was a good neighbour and friend to many. He was predeceased by his wife Donna. He will be greatly missed by his daughters Tammy (Lyle) Donaldson and Teri (Chris) Lindsay and his grandchildren and friends. Family and friends attended a reception to celebrate his life at the Harcourt Community Centre on Saturday, May 12.



It was pandemonium as contestant burst from the starting line of Tupper the Turtle's Amazing Race at Wilberforce's Lloyd Watson Centre on May 12.



Mike Scuric, the butcher, talks to contestants in Tupper the Turtle's Amazing Race in Wilberforce on Saturday. The nursery-rhyme-themed scavenger hunt had teams running all over town, using only co-ordinates to find their destinations, and completing a number of tasks, including visits to the butcher, baker and candlestick-maker.

**NOTICE
(Applicant – FORSYTH)**

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF A ROAD ALLOWANCE AND SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF BILLING'S LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Wednesday, the 6th day of June, 2018**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance abutting Billing's Lake in front of Lot 31, Concession 8, desiganted as Road Allowance on Crown Land Survey attached to H24916, of the Township of Glamorgan, in the Township of Highlands East, in the County of Haliburton, as shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3, on a on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP SURVEYING AND CONSULTING LTD., dated April 3, 2018.**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, Solicitor or Agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this **15th day of May, 2018.**

**ROBYN ROGERS
CLERK**
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Times: *makeup days from other class times

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340 VACANT LAND WANTED

Family looking for vacant lot in the Ingoldsby area to build a home. Willing to pay up to \$100,000. Please call 416-994-5789

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Kemcroft Enterprises Ltd. O/A Hyland Ice Supply is now accepting applications for seasonal full time and part time Delivery Drivers. Class D preferred. Class G with experience considered. Please email info@hylandice.com or call 705-448-2973.

400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Grill Restaurant in Kinmount is opening May 11th. Full/Part-Time positions are available including a Supervisor position. Please call Greg at 705-928-4690

Carpenters Helper Wanted in the Minden/Haliburton area. Must have means of transportation and a valid drivers license. Wages will be based on experience and skill. Please send your resume to minden.construction01@gmail.com

400 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Housekeeper required three days a week, on a year round bases. Weekend work only during July & August. Must be able to work independently and take pride in their cleaning. Please send resume to holiday@sandylaneresort.com or call 705-489-2020

Student Summer Job: Haliburton United Church has been provided funding from the *Federal Government's Summer Employment Program*. We are seeking a responsible, enthusiastic and organized individual for summer employment. Job responsibilities would include painting, cleaning and miscellaneous tasks around the church. Employment would be 30 hours/week 6 hours/day for 8 weeks. Please tell us about yourself in an email to: hpcharge@bellnet.ca or call 705-457-1891. Deadline May 31.



Camp Wanakita is looking for reliable motivated people with an aptitude for attention to detail for a number of positions in our Food-Services department:

- **Assistant Food-Services Director:** A full time year round position.
- **Cooks** - Contract: Immediate positions available through to October 2018
- **Kitchen helpers** - Contract: Immediate positions available through to October 2018.

Please contact:

Ron Tentorey
Director of Feed-Services
1 800 387 5081
705 457 2234
Ron.tentorey@ymcahb.ca



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We are currently accepting applications for a Full-Time Yard Supervisor

The successful candidate must be a team player and will be responsible for all duties and organization in the yard, customer service, building orders for delivery, receiving of product, inventory control, repairs and maintenance of equipment.

General knowledge of lumber and building supplies is preferred.

This is a full time position in a small sized lumber yard that will start immediately.

Please forward your resume to
julie@jaustinandsons.com
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45 W, Kinmount

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YARD ATTENDANT

We require an energetic individual to assist in delivery of building supplies and yard attendant.

The ideal applicant will possess strong communication skills, knowledge of building supplies and class D drivers licence.

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We offer competitive wages and pay overtime. Full time positions with benefits are available for the right individuals.

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- Demonstration of proper and safe equipment usage to customer at point of delivery.
- Perform other duties assigned by the manager or authorized personnel.
- Complete inspection reports for out-going and returned equipment; completing log book and trip sheets meeting all Transport Canada and company record keeping requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Education High School Diploma or equivalent preferred
- Valid Driver's license with Class AZ certification and acceptable drivers abstract.
- Working knowledge and understanding of Motor Carrier Safety Act / Transport Canada regulations.
- Knowledge of local major and minor roadways and the ability to effectively use maps and directions for efficient delivery routing.
- Possess knowledge of and/or previous experience in driving delivery trucks, towing tandem axle utility trailers and towable construction equipment, operating safely within high traffic or congested city zones and in small areas.
- Prior training and/or experience with similar commercial equipment preferred.
- Must have a working knowledge of delivery area.
- Possess prior experience in safe operation of heavy construction machinery within rental industry, and working understanding of load securement and transport.

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Point in Time
invites you to attend our
Annual General Meeting
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at the
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730 Mountain Street,
Haliburton
Socializing and light
refreshments at 5:30 p.m.
and meeting commencing
at 6:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by
May 25, 2018
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500 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**INTRODUCTION TO
MINDFULNESS.**
Saturday May 19/18
at *Mindfulway
Meditation Centre.*
179 Ridgeview Road Haliburton.
Register at mindfulway.org
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580 THANK YOU

Thank You

Many thanks to those who
have expressed condolences to me
& my family on the passing
of Earl, through cards, flowers,
phone calls, visits or donations for
the Palliative Unit at the hospital
or to St. George's Church.

Great appreciation is extended
also for the nursing care of the
P.S.W.'s and to Liz, R.N. and to
hospice workers, all of who made
Earl's last day ones of ease.

Eleanor & Family

590 INTERNMENT

*Internment for
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May 18, 2018, noon

Maple Lake
United Church Cemetery

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Robert "Bob" Meredith

80, passed away peacefully on Tuesday May 8, 2018 at Extendicare, Haliburton, after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

He is survived by his beloved wife Iris, his sons Robert (Linda), Michael, and daughter LeeAnn (Donny), his grandchildren Alisha (Russell), Ashley (Ian), Keith, Vanessa (Tyler), Joshua, Michelle and Kyle and great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his son Steve.

Bob had a great love for the outdoors. He loved hunting and fishing. He was also passionate about animals and spent many years with his beloved dog Benji on his lap. He loved music and singing and was always up for a good time with family and friends. And, if boxing was on TV, he was all in!

The family would like to extend their sincerest thanks to the staff of Extendicare, Haliburton for their wonderful care.

Cremation has taken place. Service arrangements are being made.

~We'll sing you a little tune, until we meet again. ~



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Soyers Lake

Warm welcoming home or cottage with beautiful Timberframe architecture on 2.5 acres. Cavemous ceilings, charming loft getaway, beautiful 3 season sunroom with fantastic view. Hickory floors, soaring wood fireplace, central dining and kitchen with huge island is a must see. Double garage, decks & patios, the best finishings and features. Majestic pines and landscaping make this property a showpiece.

\$2,199,000



Little Kennisis Lake

4 season enjoyment. Open concept, sunken livingroom. Bunkie over the large garage. Lovely large sitting deck at the water's edge, extensive docking system. Nice clean shoreline has shall to deep water. Drilled well & septic.

\$769,000



Kennisis, West Shore Road

Located in a deep quiet cove with over 410 ft of frtg on 1.5 ac - privacy is prime! Fantastic landscaping & gardens to clean deep rock shoreline & huge sitting deck & dock. 2 stry majesty open to great room & floor to ceiling windows & stone woodburning fp. Quality finishings & features. Screened Haliburton Room, dbl det garage, 4BR/4baths.

\$1,375,000



Kashagawigamog Lake

2800 sf custom designed Viceroy. 3bdm waterfront home or cottage. Spacious loft & custom copper fp. Dbl att & insul garage. Perfectly level lot, sunset west exposure & excellent sand beach. 5 minutes to town by boat or car..

\$1,290,000



Soyers Lake

Stunning Timberframe 4 bdrm waterfront cottage/home on Soyers Lake. Quality finishing inside & out. Oversized insulated double det'd garage. Enjoy peace & quiet in this tranquil bay w/little boat traffic & easy access to the 5 lk chain.

\$2,150,000



Gull Lake

185 ft of flat rock & sand shoreline. 2yrs young quality custom home or cottage.

Beautiful views from all levels! Features include Haliburton Room, corner stone fireplace, copper accents & hand carved timbers. 2 adjacent properties also for sale. Call for details!

\$1,300,000



Kennisis Lake, Elmhurst Lane

Spectacular Normerica Timberframe home or cottage. Custom quality throughout. Breathtaking open lake southwest view visible from every room. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths including a fully finished walkout lower level. 2 bedroom guest cabin close to the lake, brings the sleeping capacity to 18. 280 feet of shoreline, private & stunning with both shallow pebble beach and deep water ledge. Impressive landscaping with granite stairs & patios. 1600 sq ft of deck and dock space.

\$2,257,500

